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Remarks

Following entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-7 and 20-24 are pending. Claims 4, 20, and 24 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Specifically, claims 4 and 20 have been amended to delete duplicative language which was inadvertently included in the claims and claim 24 has been amended to depend from claim 23 instead of from itself. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 10, lines 5-8, and page 1516, line 1 through page 1518, line 16. No new matter enters by way of these amendments.

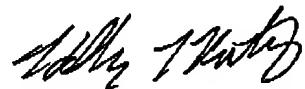
The specification has been amended to include a priority paragraph claiming priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/141,233, as referenced in the declaration executed by inventor Joseph R. Byrum on May 17, 2001, and filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 24, 2001.

The present Amendment clarifies issues on appeal and does not present new matter. Further, it is submitted that the present Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search and consideration by the Examiner. As such, entry of the foregoing Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Applicant believes that the present Amendment is in proper condition for entry in this application. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-942-5243.

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